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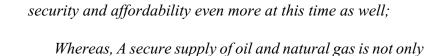


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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1	A SENATE RESOLUTION supporting North American
2	energy independence.
3	Whereas, New technology and accessible reserves,
4	including the vast Canadian oil reserves that are second to only
5	Saudi Arabia and the Bakken formations in Montana and the
6	Dakotas, have positioned North America to become a global
7	leader in oil and natural gas production;
8	Whereas, These energy reserves and new developments
9	have become a catalyst for economic growth, bringing
10	affordable energy, jobs, revenues, and an accompanying
11	resurgence of manufacturing, the energy industry contributing
12	more than one trillion dollars annually to the United States'
13	economy and supporting more than nine million jobs;
14	Whereas, Both the United States and North America as a
15	whole have a historic opportunity to enhance national energy



whereas, A secure supply of oil and natural gas is not only needed for Americans to continue to heat their homes, cook their food, and drive their vehicles, but a secure supply is also



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1	needed to allow the United States economy to thrive and grow
2	free from the potential threats and disruptions of the crude oil
3	supply from less secure parts of the world;

Whereas, The need for energy independence is even greater when taking into the account that worldwide competition for oil and natural gas will only increase as third world countries' economies and populations continue to grow;

Whereas, A key part in ensuring the United States and North America's independence is the Keystone XL pipeline and other such projects, as pipelines are the safest method for transporting crude oil, the project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the amount of train and ocean tankers needed to transport resources, the project will create 9,000 construction jobs, 75% of the pipe would come from North American mills, and in the fifth Environmental Impact Statement conducted in five years, the Keystone XL pipeline is projected to ultimately support more than 42,000 jobs overall and put two billion dollars in workers' pockets over two years;

Whereas, Policy should also be considered to overturn current rules that limit offshore oil and natural gas resources, as the United States could be 100% energy independent for liquid fuels by 2025 if the federal government opened access to areas currently off limits and partnered with Canada to maximize its oil sands: and

Whereas, National policy makers should thus be urged to adopt an energy approach that increases the United States and North America's energy security as a whole, ensures the availability of needed pipelines and infrastructure, and that stimulates the economy and creates jobs: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:



SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate supports current and future efforts to achieve North American energy independence.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to each member of Congress.

